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## Brock portrait on loan to RiverBrink



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Curator David Aurandt of the RiverBrink Art Museum in Queenston is pleased to have the only known portrait of Major General Sir Isaac Brock at the museum for an 1812 exhibit.

Only portrait ever done of local hero will be on display at Queenston museum for 1812 exhibit

### Penny Coles Niagara Advance

It's small, but impressive.

And in amazingly good condition for something that is more than 200 years old and has been passed down from generation to generation by family members, only finding its way to a museum in recent years.

The only known portrait of General Isaac Brock created during his lifetime has arrived at RiverBrink Art Museum, on loan from a British gallery.

It is a small pastel, believed to be from about 1806 while Brock was stationed in Canada, likely done when he was in Quebec, says curator David Aurandt.

Brock would have been in his late 30s or early 40s at the time. And although he doesn't look it in the pastel, Aurandt says, he was a man of imposing stature—about six-foot three inches tall, which was unusual 200 years ago, and solidly built.

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MP Rob Nicholson chats with Shaw Festival communications director Odette Yazbeck and artistic director Jackie Maxwell following his announcement of funding for the festival's endowment fund.

## \$457,466 from feds for Shaw Festival endowment fund cause for celebration

Funding will encourage donations from private sector

Penny Coles  
Niagara Advance

It was a "moment of celebration" for the Shaw Festival, and a welcome announcement, said artistic director Jackie Maxwell as she introduced MP Rob Nicholson to a gathering in the Shaw Festival Theatre lobby.

Making the announcement on behalf of James Moore, minister of Canadian heritage, Nicholson stopped by the lobby Friday to tell the

small crowd that the federal government is giving \$457,466 to the festival's Endowment Foundation to manage and invest on behalf of the Shaw Festival.

"For 50 years, the Shaw Festival Theatre has been enriching local residents and visitors from all over the world," said Nicholson. "We are pleased to provide this boost to the Shaw's endowment foundation by matching private-sector donations."

The funding shows the government's commitment to strengthening the economy by supporting arts, culture and heritage, and encourages individuals to donate to arts organizations.

"The Endowment Incentives Initiative continues to make a significant contribution to the Shaw's long-term goal of building a strong and viable endowment fund," said Maxwell.

In addition to its commitment to presenting the top-notch theatre its patrons expect, the funding "will allow us to dream a little as well. We like to look into the future, and this allows us to think not just in the day to day, but beyond. It allows the dreams to become reality."

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# Councillors says no to over-sized sign

➤ Vineyard owner Kevan O'Connor asks for reconsideration of committee decision

Sarah Ferguson  
Niagara Advance

Councillors made it clear to developer Kevan O'Connor that asking for forgiveness rather than permission doesn't always sit well.

At Monday's committee-of-the-whole meeting, O'Connor asked for a sign variance for Trek Vineyards, but councillors turned him down.

About a year and a half ago, Kevan O'Connor purchased his 92-acre vineyard of Pinot Noir grapes, and erected the sign on the corner of his Concession 6 and Line 5 property.

He says he was notified by e-mail in January that his sign would need a variance because it does not meet the criteria of the Town's sign bylaw, but after applying, the sign variance committee turned down his request.

The sign is 3.2 metres high

with an area of 3.72 square metres and it is a minor variance, O'Connor told councillors. Based on Town staff's recommendations, O'Connor could remove a portion of the sign from the top or the bottom to meet the requirements of an area of three square metres and a height of three metres.

O'Connor explained to councillors that his property is a large one—larger than what would be found in the Old Town—and he hoped the sign would attract a new market. He hopes to develop a "high-quality reputation" for his pinot noir grapes.

O'Connor said he has a three-year contract to sell his grapes to Diamond Estate Winery but that contract expires in two years and he is looking for other interested buyers.

The professionally developed sign is an important feature in the vineyard's plan to develop a brand name for the grapes, O'Connor told councillors.

"If my sign was nine inches narrower, there wouldn't have been any other problem. But if it was smaller, it would look ridiculous."

Lord Mayor David Eke said he could support the

variance because it is minor. "I'm going to support this applicant. He knows very well the rules and regulations. It's too bad he didn't apply for a permit to begin with."

Councillor Andrea Kaiser said the sign was erected on the property before O'Connor applied for a variance and she asked what the purpose of the committee is if council were going to overturn their decision.

"The delegate is aware of the bylaws. I have done this before and pleaded ignorance of the bylaw after the fact."

Kaiser said minimal changes could be made to the sign to make it fit the bylaw.

"The bottom part of the sign could be removed. The committee felt that the sign wouldn't be harmed by it."

Councillor Terry Flynn agreed with Kaiser that the sign could be easily changed to meet Town requirements.

"This gentleman is no stranger to the Town's bylaws. He knows the rules."

Council will make the final decision Monday.



Kevan O'Connor asked council to reconsider the sign variance committee's decision to turn down his request to post this sign on the corner of Concession 6 and Line 5.

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## Local realtor has eye on Queen Street

Webcam raising profile of town while bringing in new business

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You could even check the weather, which might be helpful, if say you were leaving Florida to drive home and wanted to know what to expect.

Thanks to Glenn Brazeau and Sotheby's, you have only to go to the Weather Network

Niagara-on-the-Lake site, click on the webcam and watch what's happening on Queen Street.

When Sotheby's new office was being rebuilt following the Queen Street fire that destroyed two historic buildings, Brazeau made sure wiring for a webcam was included.

His purpose is, of course, not so we can see who is shopping at the liquor store—his goal is to spread through video the word about Niagara-on-the-Lake and how beautiful it is, to promote the town as a great place to live or to operate a business—and to

drive hits to Sotheby's website to attract anyone who might be interested in buying or selling property.

"The more traffic being driven to our site, the more chance we have of making contact with a seller or buyer," he said.

As a result of the NOTL webcam, other Sotheby's offices have expressed interest, and Brazeau has sent them the information to help the New York marketing people put together a package that would help more than 500 Sotheby's offices in the world set up similar systems.

"I can help them avoid some of the pitfalls I learned about as I went through the process," he said.

The Weather Network has webcams broadcasting from around the world, and especially likes having them in popular locations with interesting views.

It was technically challenging to meet the network's requirements, and after trying to find help locally, Brazeau ended up working with a company in California that puts out the feed and provides him with the statistics of how many hits the video receives, and from where.

While he can't say that it has increased his business, he believes it will.

Viewers come from around the world—74 per cent of the March hits were from Canada, but the remaining came from a total of 24 different countries.

"There are people from as far away as Nigeria looking at it—why, I don't know. But the world has become so small, with webcams anywhere you can think of."



Glenn Brazeau of Sotheby's International Realty checks out the webcam over his Queen Street office.

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# B&B owner hopes to convince councillors to reverse their decision

Zuhair Kashmiri says he missed his opportunity to speak about his bed and breakfast at public meeting

Sarah Ferguson  
Niagara Advance

Zuhair Kashmiri intended to address questions about an amendment to his King Street bed and breakfast.

But he missed his chance.

After listening to speakers at a public planning meeting Monday, councillors voted against an amendment that would allow the bed and breakfast owner to add a fourth guest room and two additional parking spaces to his establishment.

Kashmiri attended the meeting with his planner, Daniel Romanko, of Quartek Group, but both men misunderstood the protocol for the meeting.

Kashmiri says his planner is new to the job and both men thought they

would be called to the podium after the public portion of the meeting.

Kashmiri realized too late that he was expected to speak when Councillor Jamie King, who chaired the meeting, asked for anyone to speak in favour of the development to step forward—neither Kashmiri or his planner stepped forward.

Kashmiri says he has since been told by the town clerk that he will not be given another opportunity to speak about this issue again.

He's concerned that he wasn't able to answer questions, and that if he had, the outcome might have been different.

Kashmiri and his wife, Carlotta Cattani, would like to expand their B&B La Toscana di Carlotta with another bedroom on the first floor of the house to accommodate guests who have trouble travelling up and down stairs.

"In the last two years, we've had to cancel 15 requests because the guests couldn't manage the stairs."

Councillor Maria Baum-Coots was concerned that the home owners have already renovated a fourth bedroom and added a new

bathroom.

Kashmiri told the Advance that an existing room has been renovated and a new bathroom has been added on the first floor of the bed and breakfast.

"All of these have been done with the proper permits."

The owner says he and his wife plan to use the newly renovated bedroom on the first floor and shut down another bedroom on the

second floor of the home until a permit has been issued for it to be used for guest accommodations.

Councillor Dennis Dick was concerned there wouldn't be enough space on the property to add more parking, but Kashmiri says although he originally only wanted one new parking space, Town staff recommended two for the addition of one new bedroom.

"We worked very closely

with the NOTL planning department to meet all their demands and the reason for that was to make sure that everything is resolved at the local level to the satisfaction of everyone involved," he told the Advance, adding town staff recommended approving the extra room.

Kashmiri added that his B&B is one of the oldest homes in Niagara-on-the-Lake dating back to the early 1800s, and he has worked

with heritage contractor Jim Alexander to restore parts of the exterior—including replacing window pane glass with period glass similar to what would have been used in the 1800s.

The B&B owner hopes to be allowed to speak during Monday's council meeting before the decision is ratified.

"Short of that, I don't know what else to do," Kashmiri said.

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### our editorial

## Residents get behind Peace Garden

Do many Niagara-on-the-Lake residents realize that for the price of two lots on Regent Street, the majority of town councillors have voted to sell off the very historic lawn bowling site?

This is a one-time only money-maker, and while lots in the centre of the Old Town don't come cheap, neither does green space that comes with a very long and important history.

Our council was offered an opportunity by the Niagara Foundation, which had hoped for a peace garden that would keep the former lawn bowling property green and public. It would have cost the Town only the price of forfeiting those two lots.

Gall Wardle is an Old Town resident who is questioning the judgement of those who voted against the peace garden, turning down an opportunity that was being handed to them on a plate.

And she is not alone. She is in the early stages of getting signatures on a petition urging councillors to reconsider.

It's not unusual for residents to orga-

nize petitions, hoping to sway a decision. Politicians are not often influenced, maybe because in the long run, they feel they have to do what is right, not what is popular.

But in this case, judging by the reaction we've heard, they have an opportunity to do what is both right and popular.

After all, how much would each resident be paying in taxes to finance this green space? Nothing - it wouldn't require an increase in taxes. Selling the lots would just provide a little bit of revenue to offset other costs, whereas a decision to allow that property to remain as green space would be one that residents could appreciate for generations to come.

This year, more than ever, we have heard our local politicians talk about the importance of our history, as we celebrate the last 200 years of peace.

What could be more fitting, more lasting than all the wonderful events being planned to celebrate peace than a peace garden?

To sign the petition, call Wardle at 905-468-8687.

### letters to the editor

## Setting out our heritage

For several years, leading up to 2012 and the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, the residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake have been inundated with plans on how to celebrate the outcome of the war.

Lord Mayor David Eke said Niagara-on-the-Lake has a special place in Canadian history.

Many of us have moved here because of the history and charm of our town.

During the election, we constantly heard the virtues of the historical significance of our town.

It seems that somewhere

along the line, council has forgotten, or chosen to ignore the fact that we do indeed live in an amazing town.

Kudos to councillors Martin Mazza, Jamie King and Gary Zalepa for choosing to remember this fact.

In a short period of time, council has chosen to build two homes on a very significant piece of open space, which has remained public property for over 200 years.

Virgil Public School, which has a history going back further than Laura Secord School, in Queenston and is of greater historical significance, is relegated to being of little value and left to the mercy of future developers.

Do the majority of councillors vote with their pocketbook, or within the wishes

of their residents?

In both of these instances, plaques just don't cut it. Our neighbours to the south, regardless of our opinions, would always vote to protect their heritage.

I am absolutely and completely ashamed of the majority of council and their actions in these two instances.

Slowly, our heritage and historical importance is being sold.

I can't help but think that if this were an election year, the choices would've been cast to save our precious historical sites.

We shall remember the councillors who chose to protect the history of our town.

Luba Fraser

### Helping the hospital



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Shirley Dickson Dolby, Ruth Mulligan, Lynn Coach and Nancy Burns, with Laurie Harley (standing) of the NUTL Hospital Auxiliary, enjoy the 54th annual fundraising card party Friday at the new community centre. The event was an overwhelming success and raised more than \$5,500 to buy new night tables for each hospital room to match the new over-the-bed tables the auxiliary has already purchased.

## Great party for Ken Rive – he deserved it

Last Friday evening, there was a retirement party held at our wonderful new Community Centre, for one of our Town's most respected, and well-liked individuals, Ken Rive.

It was a well-attended celebration, filling the large hall... a sold-out event. This speaks volumes as to Ken's popularity and character.

With his wife Judy, daughters Andrea and Ali, and other family members at his side, it was a touching tribute to his many accomplishments – both professionally and personally.

For 38 years, Ken has quietly gone about helping our Town be the place we are all so lucky to call home.

From the Arena, to the Community Centre, and numerous projects in between, to being part of the fight to keep our community secondary school, NDDSS

open, Ken has always had this on his side.

Now, he'll have a little more time on his side. Congratulations Ken. Enjoy.

Mark and Joanne Hicks

## Connection with past important

Regardless of where we travel in the world, we quickly recognize that each nation tries to promote its uniqueness: its history in music, art, literature, in statues of its heroes, in distinctive architecture.

It is this very tangible connection with their past that instills a sense of pride, a love of country, a sense of who they are.

We as Canadians deserve no less. To foster this love and pride of country it is essential we know our history. Who were our ancestors? Where did they come from? How did they live? What challenges did they face?

This of course is taught in our schools but this is not enough.

Once exams are over, our youth will quickly forget unless our cities and towns reflect the story of our past and make history live for generations to come.

The Niagara Heritage Alliance, a volunteer group committed to heritage preservation across the Region, is not anti-development but we believe development must be appropriate and sympathetic to the surrounding area. We advocate redevelopment where it is warranted of heritage buildings or sites to retain heritage character and charm.

Niagara is the oldest, most historic area of Ontario. In a recent poll taken of tourists visiting this area, culture and historic sites ranked highly in determining their choice of destination. Economically then, as well as culturally, it is important that we preserve and enhance that aspect of our Region that tourists as well as residents most enjoy.

Val O'Donnell, Niagara Heritage Alliance

## With spring come science-defying dandelions, difficult to eliminate

Time to take care of clematis—cutting back and fertilizing



Jean Cochrane  
Happy Gardening

Yes, it seems we finally have spring weather – a bit of everything – and haven't the daffodils left well.

Remember you can dead-head them but do not cut back for six weeks – this allows the nutrients to go back to the bulb and make next year's even better. If you planted them in among grass make sure you do not put any lawn fertilizer in with the daffs – it will increase the leaves but not flowers.

My flowering tree that was a bit of a mystery turns out to be a choke-cherry, nothing

exotic but it was beautiful and I can look forward to it next spring.

Now we have to face that spring flower that is quite incredible – the dandelion.

This is really quite an amazing plant. Gardeners, aided by scientists, have been working out ways to eliminate dandelions for

years and yet they return every time to brighten up our landscape.

It is said they exist on every continent, including Antarctica, and really were not regarded as a problem until the 'perfect lawn' became the aim. They were used by the Vikings to cleanse the blood, and I know they can be made into a beautiful golden wine – with all these wineries around let's get inventive.

The leaves add a bit of zing to a salad, and what other seed head lets the child in all of us make a wish.

The pollen is enjoyed by the bees and the birds feed on the seeds, however each plant produces about 5,000 seeds with its own little parachute to carry it off in the wind so your efforts of elimi-

nation can be futile – just enjoy them.

The rain we've had is certainly welcome, especially to the birds – I placed some containers around for them and it is a good idea to place some where you can observe and take note of who is new to the neighbourhood. Remember to put out the hummingbird feeders early for the ones who pass through on their way further north.

That reminds me, I have not yet posted up my cammas and containers brought in late last fall are happy I put them out in the rain as there are green shoots showing, although they could all turn out to be weeds.

Have you taken care of your clematis? I cut mine back to the new growth, give it some fertilizer and then

replace the rocks at the base – remember the rule for clematis: "Feet in the shade, head in the sun."

Now we have to pay attention to our trees – they are our air purifiers and we are losing too many.

We are fortunate that there are many local people who have noticed what is happening. Our council seems to be of the opinion that our trees are protected under a

ruling by the Escarpment Commission – all I can say is that friends living on the escarpment have been shocked at the way trees have been cut down there quite indiscriminately.

So enough is enough if you want to help to get a relay put in place protecting the trees, let your councillors know that they are not paying enough attention to our environment.

## Correction

It was incorrectly stated in the April 22 edition of the Advance that Dr. Frouz Pavlund, a chiropractor with a practice at the Niagara Medical Centre, is a member of the NOTL Family Health Team. While she has an office at the medical centre she has no affiliation with the health team. The Advance apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

## Work of David Drum on display at Pumphouse

Pumphouse workshops help artists explore their creativity



@the Pumphouse  
Mike Smith

This month's featured artist will be David Drum who will be showing his latest series of mixed media paintings.

He has been represented in private and corporate collections across Canada and recent commissions include works for the film industry.

He now lives in Crystal Beach.

He is now represented by Mary Friesen's Gallery 329 in Ridgeway and the Riverbink Art Museum in Queenston.

All my work is deeply

influenced by the Niagara landscape and my experiences at the foot of the Falls," he says.

A Sunday Salon for David will be on May 6 at 2 p.m. at the Niagara Pumphouse.

Another month of Saturday workshops continues. The first will be on May 5 and running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on digital photography by Joel Therrien.

This workshop will include advanced post-production techniques. Students will also investigate experimental and unconventional approaches to shooting and lighting. Students are requested to have taken Digital Photography 101 workshop first. Fees are \$80 for members and \$120 for non-members.

Hiroshi Yamamoto brings a slice of the Orient with his Sumi-e brush painting workshop May 12. Fees are also \$80 for members and \$120 for non-members and the workshop runs from 9 am to 3pm.

Joel Therrien will have a second workshop on May 26 on Instrument Building, for musicians and music lovers. Learn how to build

your own stringed and percussion instruments out of things you already own. Fees are \$80 for members and \$120 for non-members and the workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Niagara Pumphouse has a Facebook page and is on Twitter. The Facebook page is Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre and Twitter: Niagara P14. Link to our sites for the latest news about the Pumphouse.

The Pumphouse is at 247 Ricardo St. Call 905-468-5455, e-mail office@niagarapumphouse.ca or visit www.niagarapumphouse.ca.

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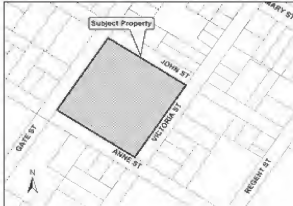


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#### PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **May 28, 2012**

Time: **7:00 PM**

or as soon as possible thereafter

Place: **Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Administrative Offices, Council Chambers  
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario**

#### WRITTEN SUBMISSION

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#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Lora Emberson, Development Planner at 905-466-3266, extension 258. A copy of this notice can be found on the Towns website at [www.notl.org](http://www.notl.org).

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 3rd day of May, 2012.

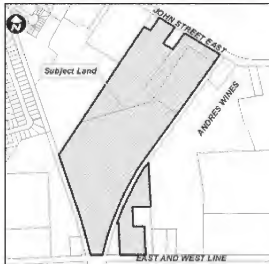


## COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

240 John Street - Zoning Change



#### PROPOSED CHANGE

To permit an outside delivery as a secondary use to a self-operative with associated retail and hospitality uses and an outdoor covered patio

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed change is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by: speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

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#### MORE INFORMATION

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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## Day the Falls stood still



Jim Armstrong, president of the Queenston Residents' Association, has author Cathy Buchanan sign his copy of *The Day the Falls Stood Still*. Buchanan was at the Queenston Library Saturday to talk about the work behind her first book, and to preview her next one, soon to be released, titled *The Painted Girls*.

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## TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE MUNICIPAL TAX REMINDER NOTICE

**INTERIM SECOND INSTALLMENT DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012**

**Tax Rates As per By-Law No. 4517-12**

Payment may be made by MAIL or at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road. A 24-hour mail slot is located at the front (Accessible Drop Box) and side entrances of the Town Hall for your convenience. Post-dated cheques are accepted. Payment may be made electronically from your bank account using the 19-digit roll number.

If you have already set up your electronic payment as a post-date, please note that you will have to reset up this transfer using your 19-digit roll number.

If payment is made at a bank or other pay station, your account will be credited only AFTER the Town has received settlement from the bank. Please allow TEN (10) working days for payment processing.

A penalty of 1.25% will be added on the first day of default and on the first day of each month thereafter. To avoid penalty and interest charges, PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE BY THE DUE DATE.

Failure to settle a bill does not excuse a taxpayer from the responsibility of payment of taxes and penalty. If you have NOT received your tax notice and a mortgage company does not pay on your behalf, please contact the Finance Department at 905-468-3266 or fax 905-468-2959.

**NOW...**

You have another option for payment of your Municipal Taxes. For further information on monthly or due date installments by Pre-Authorized withdrawals contact: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Finance Department at (905) 468-3266 ext. 230.

Please visit the Town's website at: [www.nottl.org](http://www.nottl.org) for up to date information on Town Business.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**644 Concession 1 Road - Zoning Change**

### PROPOSED CHANGE

To rezone Part 2 to Agricultural Purposes Only (APO) Zone. Part 1 will be retained for residential use.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposal is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

### PUBLIC MEETING

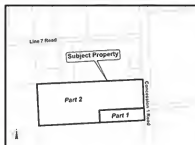
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# Cost for extra bags of garbage at curb increases to \$2 this week

Increased revenue should cover cost of picking up extra bags.

Starting this week, the cost to place an extra bag or

can of garbage out for curbside pick-up will be \$2.

Residents who need to put out more than one bag, the region's limit for householders, can purchase the new \$2 tags, or use up two of their existing \$1 tags, which don't have an expiration date.

The increased fee will

allow the Niagara Region to completely cover the extra costs involved in picking up additional garbage containers.

Results of recent curbside garbage audits conducted throughout Niagara show that almost 50 per cent of the material in the garbage is still made up of

organic material that can be diverted through the Green Bin program, and the extra cost should encourage composting and recycling.

New garbage tags are available at a number of retail locations throughout Niagara, including most convenience stores.

Residents with a medi-

cal exemption can continue to use their existing tags and continue to place a single tag on their extra bags or cans of garbage, over the one bag or one weekly limit.

Each week all Niagara households and apartments with six units or less can place one bag or can of gar-

bage and an unlimited number of recyclables and organics in their blue box, grey box and green bin out for curbside collection.

For more information on the Region's curbside garbage and recycling collection, and where to purchase tags, visit [www.niagara-region.ca](http://www.niagara-region.ca).

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NOTL  
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560 Mississauga  
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## Summer times in effect for hydro use

Mid and on-peak times change for six months, beginning May 1, while off-peak times remain the same.

The time periods for summer time-of-use rates begins this week for residential and small business customers of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

With Time-of-use rates, the cost of electricity varies based on when you use your electricity. Rates are different depending on the time of day, week and season of the year.

Time-of-use rates are

divided into three time periods, off-peak, which is the lowest rate, mid-peak and on-peak.

Off-peak rates of 6.5 cents a kilowatt hour are charged weekdays from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. all year long.

Mid-peak, when demand is moderate, changes this week to 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., when electricity is 10 cents a kilowatt hour.

On-peak rates, when demand is greatest and electricity is most expensive, are now in effect weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., when electricity is 11.7 cents a kilowatt hour.

Weekends and holidays are considered off-peak, and the lowest rate applies.

Time-of-use rates are a provincial initiative developed to give customers an incentive to reduce energy use at peak times of the day. With Time-of-Use rates and the new Smart Meters, consumers have the power to better control their energy costs by using less electricity during peak periods. The price periods change every six months, May and November.

Information about conserving electricity can be found at [www.NOTLHydro.com](http://www.NOTLHydro.com).

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# Ride, hike or run to support Woodend

Most Niagara-on-the-Lake students have learned about their environment and

the outdoors at Woodend, about 100 acres of conservation area on the brow of the

Niagara Escarpment operated by the local school board as an outdoor environmental centre.

About 10,000 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 visit it each year, learning about nature and conservation.

The school board has plans for a \$1.75 million revitalization project, which will restore an historic home on the property to allow students hands-on experience of life in the 1890s.

Two other buildings on the site will be torn down, to be replaced by a new building with two classrooms and one larger meeting room, and an outdoor learning area.

The project will allow Woodend to also be used by high school students, and may help those interested in the environment to continue post-secondary education in that field, says Colleen Fast, the board's Woodend co-ordinator.



The revitalization project will include a new learning centre at Woodend and the restoration of an historic house.

With another generous donation from the TD Friends of the Environment, the first annual Ride, Hike and Run, and two galas, \$1.2 million has already been raised.

Permission for the development is required by the town, the region and the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and that process is underway, says Fast.

This Sunday, May 6, beginning at 10 a.m., the second annual Ride, Hike and Run for Woodend will include a 30-kilometre bike ride

which starts from the former Niagara District Secondary School and ends at Woodend. A shorter, 5-km route begins in Niagara Falls and a 1.5 km family hike will be held through the beautiful trails of Woodend.

Registration is available online or on the day of the event.

At Woodend there will be a barbecue and entertainment, including the popular local band, Running with Scissors. For more information or to register visit [www.dsnb.org/woodend](http://www.dsnb.org/woodend).



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May 5th & 6th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Lawn, garden and camping equipment, mens and boys hockey equipment, soft ice cream machine, freeze, easel, Foreman grill, A/C table, cordless, insulated bowls, bookcases, wall shelves, lamps, video games, DVD movies, silver, holiday decorations.

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**CAPE COD STYLING**

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Sales Representative

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## Queenston choir to perform two 1812-inspired concerts

Sarah Ferguson  
Niagara Advance

In the spirit of the 1812 bicentennial celebrations, the voices of the Queenston Ladies Choir will ring out from the Queenston Chapel.

Lisa Brillon, choir conductor, says the community choir wanted to do a special concert in honour of the War of 1812 celebrations and has chosen to perform in the little chapel because of the surrounding area's involvement in the war.

The title of the spring choral concert is Remembering the War of 1812 and the choir, with about 30 members, will delight the audience with songs that tell the story of the war, beginning with the Battle of Queenston Heights, says Brillon.

"We start with the story about the war and the songs will follow a theme —start-

ing with songs about the fallen soldiers, the idea of hope once the war has ended, building new things followed by a few patriotic songs."

The choir has been rehearsing since the beginning of January to get ready for the concert and it "will sound fantastic," says Brillon.

Choosing the music has been a difficult process because it wasn't easy to find all of the pieces to tell a story, she said.

"I usually begin collecting the pieces of music that will be used in concerns six months before we begin rehearsing. This time it was difficult to find the appropriate pieces. We had to make sure everything flowed and worked together."

The choir will give two performances Sunday, May 6 —at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Each performance will feature folk songs, including two composed by Alan Mills,



**PENNY COLES** Niagara Advance  
Queenston Ladies Choir members Paula Paul, Helen Slingerland, Linda Scott, Vicki Lowenberger, Yvonne Pagani and their conductor, Lisa Brillon, prepare to perform two 1812-inspired concert at the Queenston Chapel on May 6.

show tunes, and choral songs. A fife, a violin and a French horn will accompany the choir, says Brillon.

The choir will also have a recording of their concert to

commemorate the bicentennial. CDs will be available in the fall for everyone to purchase.

Seating at the event is limited to about 80 people

per performance so everyone who wants to attend is encouraged to get their tickets early.

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# Boy says no thanks to presents

He'd rather help care for animals in need.

**Penny Coles**  
Niagara Advance

Travis Chorney is like most young boys—he likes skateboarding, soccer, video games, TV and playing outside with his friends.

And like most kids would be, he is excited about his upcoming tenth birthday party.

But unlike many children, he doesn't want gifts for himself.

Weeks ago, the Crossroads Public School student told his mother he would rather ask his friends for dog food and other items for animals in need than presents for himself.

"I don't need much. I already have pretty much everything I want," he said, although he admits he's a fan of the Angry Birds game online, and is kind of hoping he might get one. Angry Birds-related presents from his mom, Liz Chorney.

Liz, a pet groomer by trade who now works out of her Four Mile Creek home, has been an animal lover all her life, and grew

up with an assortment of pets, including her favourite, a goat who went everywhere with her.

When Travis was three or four, Liz was grooming animals at a pet store, and she would sometimes take him to work. He would spend his time there cleaning fish tanks or looking after the gerbils or hamsters—anything the staff could find for him to do.

"I remember that, and I remember I had a lot of fun," says Travis.

When he grows up, he hopes to become a police officer with the canine unit, he says.

Liz is happy her son has inherited her love of animals, and proud that he would be so unselfish about his birthday presents.

When she was sure Travis wasn't going to change his mind, she said, she called Ken Reid, the town's animal control officer, and asked if he could use any help—she wanted to keep it local.

Since he often boards dogs he has picked up until he can find their owners, he said he would be grateful for food, and the stakes to the dogs up outside.

Anything Travis's friends bring to his party that Reid can't use will go to the Lincoln County Humane Society, said Liz.



Travis Chorney loves dogs, especially his year-old puppy Crusher.



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## Needed: palliative care volunteers, especially men

### Penny Colos

Niagara Advance

People who are dying need good listeners, but it isn't always just to talk about their illness or the issues they face.

Sometimes, they just want conversation.

If that person is a man, especially a senior, he might want to talk about his experiences in the war, golf game he remembers, or share a car story—conversations he might feel more comfortable having with another man.

That's why it's important for NOTL Community Palliative Care to have male volunteers. Although the majority of their clients are women, some are men, who often say they would prefer a male volunteer.

Sadly, two of the local male Palliative Care volunteers died in the last year: Ken Goodwin and Ed Hardison played vital roles in the group of about 25 volunteers, and

are missed, says program coordinator Terry MacGarratt.

Tom Marian has been volunteering with palliative care for almost 20 years, and currently visits clients in their own homes and in long-term care. He says when he chats with male clients they enjoy having another man to talk to—they are more likely to have shared experiences or something in common to talk about. "Women tend to be more social. Men are generally more solitary, less social," he said.

Many of the men he has visited have adopted the "macho" persona, but are anxious about what they are facing. Having someone to talk to can be calming.

"To some, it's important to believe they did the best they could in their lives, that their lives had some value to their families and to society."

Providing an ear to listen to their stories gives comfort.

"You just listen, and pick

up on what the person wants to talk about."

Marian says he was encouraged to volunteer with palliative care while he was volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society as a driver.

"Everybody has to do something. Everyone has a role to play and a contribution to make. I like to help, and this was something I could do."

To anyone who might be considering volunteering, he would say, "come to a meeting, listen to what we do, and talk to someone with experience."

If there is one skill necessary for those who volunteer in palliative care, it's being able to communicate—to be a good listener while proceeding confidentially, and to speak sensitively, having the right words to say at the right time, and sometimes, not being afraid to say them, says MacGarratt.

Palliative care is also about helping a family member or caregiver cope, and for about a year after a client dies, volunteers follow up with phone calls on a regular basis to family members to see how they're coping in their bereavement.

But while good volunteers are essential, community partnerships are also important. The theme for the 2012 National Hospice Palliative Care Week is "Let's Work Together," and NOTL Community Palliative Care couldn't operate without corporate partnerships in the community.

The Palliative Care office lends equipment such as lift/recliner chairs, special mattresses, wheelchair, walkers, TV/DVD players, CDs and DVDs and helpful books.

Wall's Furniture not only stores the chairs but delivers them and picks them up again when they are no longer needed.

The chairs, which can take a person from standing up to a reclining position, allow patients to stay in their homes longer, and relieve some of the burden for caregivers, says MacGarratt.

Wall's has been a great community partner, she says, as has Morgan's Funeral Home, partnering with group bereavement support for those who have lost their spouses. The sessions are held twice a year at the Palliative Care office behind the hospital, with Morgan's providing the counselling to



Volunteer Tom Marian relaxes in the apartment that is available to those visiting palliative care patients.

their clients as well as families who have been helped by palliative care - one began this week.

"The partnership has worked out really well by opening it up to our clients, whether or not they've worked with Morgan's Funeral Homes.

The office behind the NOTL Hospital also houses a small apartment, suitable for accommodating two people who may have a family member or loved one who is seriously or terminally ill. It could be used for a few days or a few weeks, most often for people who have come from out of town.

Often a client in hospital has a horse where family can stay, but if they're in long-

term care or from out of the area, there isn't always a place nearby, and a stay in NOTL can be expensive, says MacGarratt.

MacGarratt includes Simpson's PharmaSave as being "very good friends," supporting the group and their clients, and being generous with their help, working with patients who are just coming out of the hospital or are sick at home to fit them with whatever kind of medical equipment they need.

National Hospice Palliative Care Week, which begins May 6, is a one-week campaign that focuses on raising awareness about hospice palliative care. In NOTL, the annual memorial service to celebrate the lives of clients who have died during the year will be held May 6, at 2 p.m. at Upper Canada Lodge.

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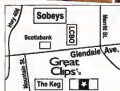
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# Portrait has been cared for by Brock's descendants, who sold it to UK museum

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His impressive figure was likely part of the reason he commanded the loyalty of his troops, says Aurandt, although the general received some criticism from other leaders because he tended to make decisions quickly and act impulsively.

"He was a leader who led from the front. He felt he had to be in the vanguard of his troops, shouting them on and forward, leading them in the charge, unlike some of his contemporaries," said Aurandt.

"He seemed to believe you lead men by being first on the battlefield, not strategizing as the battle went along."

It appears he was killed by a sniper or sharpshooter, from above, and died immediately or at least very quickly, said Aurandt—stories indicate he turned to the officer closest to him, grabbed his chest and died, before becoming the successful October day of the battle that October day at Queenston

Heights.

Although he had already been knighted, he died before receiving that information.

Aurandt, who has worked at Rodman Hall and currently splits his time between Queenston and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Toronto, says he considers himself fortunate to be at RiverBlink at this time in the history of Canada.

"How much more central can you be, when you can look up the hill and know that a significant battle took place so close by. There is no doubt the Americans were keen to get the British off their backs. They were on fire with the idea of a manifest destiny, and that they were the promised land and there were no borders."

The successful outcome of the Battle of Queenston Heights was probably the turning point of the war, he said, and Brock's family in the UK would have been well aware of the general's status here, although the Brits were



The pastel of Brock, believed to have been done around 1806 when he was in Quebec, is only about 6 inches by 8 inches.

much more focused on Europe—Brock himself what was going on in would have preferred to

be fighting with Wellington against Napoleon.

So although the portrait remained in the hands of family members and displayed in their homes until about five years ago, it was well preserved.

"We're lucky they took such good care of it—it's because his family understood his importance that it's still around."

Both the portrait and frame have been cleaned and restored by the Guernsey Museums and Galleries in Britain.

Although the portrait is not signed, it is believed to have been the work of Dutch artist Gerrit Schipper.

When it was for sale in 2009, RiverBlink had fundraised in the hope of

purchasing the portrait, but the family preferred to have it stay close to home in the UK.

It will be on display as part of RiverBlink's War of 1812, which was designed to celebrate and commemorate the War of 1812-14, and features art works, artefacts and archival material from the collection at RiverBlink along with loans from both public and private collections. RiverBlink's own Battle of Queenston Heights (1820-30), attributed to Major James Dennis, is the other centerpiece of the exhibit.

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This month's InfoHealth session features a specialist talking about stroke

Penny Coles  
Niagara Advocate

Think you might have some of the symptoms of a stroke?

It's important to act quickly, and it's helpful to understand how the region deals with stroke

patients, says Dr. Bill Brown, of the popular InfoHealth series.

He has spoken about stroke symptoms before at the NOTL Library, but next week he will present Dr. Wes Oczkowski, a professor of neurology at McMaster University and head of the regional stroke program, at the Hamilton General Hospital—a region which includes Kitcheners-Waterloo, Hamilton and Niagara.

That program orchestrates care for stroke victims, and is available 24/7—while locally the Greater Niagara General

Hospital in Niagara Falls is the destination for stroke victims, if needed, the experts in Hamilton are available for consultation at any hour, and will advise if a transfer is in the best interest of the patient. The protocol for managing stroke is regional, says Brown.

"It's helpful for the public to realize that should they have worrisome symptoms that might indicate stroke, they should call 911, understanding there is a system in place that networks with a Hamilton team."

That should provide some reassurance and confidence in the local health system, he says.

In addition to information about how to recognize and manage strokes, this InfoHealth session is important because it marks the start of a new relationship with specialists from Hamilton hospitals, at the top of their fields, says Brown, who is also a professor of neurology at McMaster.

While this time it's the head doctor on stroke coming to speak in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Brown considers it a tem-

plate for future sessions.

June's InfoHealth session will deal with end-of-life issues, and after a summer break, September's discussion will be about living wills.

The InfoHealth session on stroke is at the NOTL Public Library Wednesday, May 9 at 2 p.m.

The sessions are taped by Cogeco and are available at the NOTL Public Library.

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## Don't miss tale of the 3,000-year-old mummy

Ramses spent most of last century unidentified in Niagara Falls museum

By Laura Ranlier  
Special to the Advance

You may remember the original story from back in the late 90s... the Pharaoh Ramses I, a military powerhouse and grandfather of Ramses the Great, arrived in Niagara some decades after 1812, through a shady antiquities purchase made in Egypt.

He spent the better part of the last century lying unidentified, a mysterious royal mummy across from the two-headed calf and other curiosities in the old Niagara Falls museum.

Now, for the first time since his return to Egypt, Gayle Gibson, an Egyptologist at the Royal Ontario Museum and one of his key identifiers, is coming back to Niagara to tell her Ramses discovery tale, and engage the community with

other museum secrets and ancient Egypt fascinations.

She will speak at the Niagara Historical Society and Museum Friday, May 4 at 7 p.m. — free for members, \$5 for the public.

But who was this Ramses? And how did he get all the way here and back home again?

"Don't be deceived by the fact that he was king for just two years," said Gibson. "Prior to claiming the throne, he was the vizier of Egypt, the equivalent of a prime minister today."

Ramses had an illustrious military career, and claimed the throne in middle age not by blood, but through skill, and as a trusted advisor to King Horemheb.

Tutankhamen's father, Akhenaten, created horrible suffering and economic dislocation; the country was a real mess," said Gibson. "Horemheb and Ramses were instrumental in getting the country back into a position where future kings could start building beautiful monuments and fighting wars to successfully defend or expand their borders."

Reunification achieve-

ments aside, Ramses I leaves us a number of important firsts: He moved the capital up north to the Delta (where he was born), establishing the great city of Pi-Rameses. And he even advanced royal women's rights, by having his own wife Sitre become the first to be buried in the Valley of the Queens.

When Ramses passed away in 1290 BC, he was buried in an ornate tomb in the Valley of the Kings. There, he surely anticipated nothing more than a journey to the afterlife, hardly expecting it would take more than 3000 years, via an overseas detour to Niagara Falls. But that is indeed where his mummy came, and remained, for more than a century.

The story of Ramses journey to Canada began in the 1860s with the transaction of an "excellent mummy in double cases" from an unscrupulous antiquities dealer.

Like most New Kingdom tombs, Ramses' final resting place had been robbed, and his mummy was long ago stripped of its jewels and moved by priests to a special

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The son of Thomas Barnett, owner of the Niagara Falls Museum and Daredevil Hall of Fame had been sent overseas to pick up some exotic gimmicks. A good Egyptian mummy more than fit the bill as ancient Egypt was a hot topic in the 1800s. And so Ramses crossed the ocean, and resided in the museum until the 1990s. Gayle Gibson, a respected mummy and coffin expert, was one of the first Egyptologists who had the knowledge to put all the pieces together.

"I used to always stop off at the museum to look at the interesting mummies and coffins. It was really intriguing that one mummy looked like a Ramesside — a member of Ramses the Great's family. And he had been found in a coffin that was exactly the kind of coffin he should have been found to be such a person."

When the Niagara museum was sold in the late 90s, Gibson was consultant to the buyer William Jamieson and helped sell the coffins, mummies and whole collec-



Gayle Gibson will give a talk about Ramses I, the 3,000-year-old mummy that was discovered in a museum in Niagara Falls.

tion to the Michael C Carlos Museum of Emory at Atlanta for about \$2 million. It was in Atlanta that the positive identification of the mummy as Ramses was made, and

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## Riding for a good cause – the Bible

Dave Klassen has lived in three different countries. He speaks three languages, and

two dialects of German, but he is now most comfortable reading his bible in English.

Sometimes he stumbles over an unfamiliar word, but not often after having lived in

the Niagara area for decades. He finished his high school education here, beginning when he was about 35, but it took him several years of night school.

So he has empathy for those who would like to read the scriptures but have no access to them in their mother tongue.

Klassen is participating in the 15-kilometre Bike-a-thon that begins from McFarland House, takes the Niagara Parkway recreational path to Queenston and returns to the McFarland House parking lot, a fundraiser for the Canadian Bible Society.

Dave Klassen will have no problem cycling 15 kilometres - it's asking people to sponsor him that's difficult, although the fundraiser is for a good cause—the Canadian Bible Society.

five days a week, 15 to 30 kilometres each time, although he says either the weather or scheduling difficulties get in his way—when it's not raining or snowing, he seems to be busy, and when he has time, the weather isn't co-operating. But he does cycle as often as possible from his home in Virgil, sometimes taking the Niagara Parkway path to Queenston, or the Virgil path to the Old Town and then to the Parkway—he has several loops he likes to take.

It's good exercise for me. I have a bad back and a knee replacement, so some things like jogging don't work, but riding is good for me."

So he is looking forward to the May bike-a-thon—and cycling will be the easy part. The part he's not so crazy about is asking people for money.

He has some sponsors, mostly family, and would be grateful for any help he can get.

"But I'm not good at asking people for money. That's something I don't like to do. But it's an important cause. I have a passion for scriptures, and I think it's important for them to be distributed in different languages so people can understand them."

Klassen was born in Paraguay, and moved from there to Brazil, where his parents had a dairy farm, before coming to Canada, so he understands the challenges of learning a new language.

"If you, too, have a heart for people to read the Bible in their own language, by all means, support this cause," he says.

To sponsor Klassen or for information about participating in the walk or bike-a-thon call 905-468-9614.

The Walk-a-thon, which has a history of more than 40 years, leaves from Covenant Christian Reform Church Saturday, May 12 at 9 a.m. The Bike-a-thon leaves from McFarland House at 10 a.m.



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## Panthers learn about their environment

Students also see Chimpanzee to learn about earth's creatures



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This has been one very busy month for all of the Panthers, here at Parliament Oak Public School. We had lots of exciting fun, learning experiences throughout the month, and we are not about to slow down.

We started off the month celebrating Easter. The Easter Bunny certainly made quite the stop here. He hid chocolate eggs all over the playground.

Students from Kindergarten through Grade 3 had lots of fun searching for, and eating all the delicious chocolate eggs. We also made very colourful Easter Art with Easter cards to give to our families, in keeping with the Easter colours, we celebrated Pink Day and everyone (boys and girls) were pink. Pink Day is where we celebrate diversity, abolish judgemental attitudes, and most important, we stand up to bullying.

This day coincided perfectly with our Character Trait for April - Courage. Our Panthers certainly possess this character trait because they are never afraid to stand up for what's right.

April has been a very important environmental awareness month for us. We celebrated Earth Hour, where we turned off all the lights and computers. We didn't use electricity for the whole afternoon; luckily, it was sunny outside and we were able to still do our work!

We also celebrated Earth Day this month. The entire school pitched in and did a yard cleanup.

Each class was assigned a designated area to clean, weed, trim etc. Our playground and yard have never looked so good. Way to work together Panthers.

ting fit (...and also have a good laugh).

This month however, what really has been the big talk, is the junior basketball season. Both our junior girls and boys had a fantastic year. Both teams made it to a semi-final championship and a semi-final consolation match. Our junior girls went on to win the final championship for our area and tier. We are so proud of our Panthers.

We ended our very busy month with a wonderful learning experience on our Young Author's Day. We had special guest, Brian Cretney, come to visit and read his latest book to us. He introduced us to his newest character, Tooter the skunk, and he taught us how to draw cartoons and write funny stories. The Young Author's Day really emphasized how fun reading and writing can be.

There is so much more that lies ahead. We have track and field to be preparing for, Mother's Day and Field Trips to St. John's Outdoor Study Centre. Our Panthers are always on the prowl for knowledge.

Celebrating Earth Day, we not only acknowledged the environment, we learned about earth's creatures too. Our Grades 2-6 went to the theatre to see the movie Chimpanzee. They had a wonderful time and learned so much about the jungle environment and creatures.

Lastly, our ECO team has been coming to each classroom teaching us all how we can be more environmentally conscientious.

This past month has been especially busy for our Panthers with extracurricular activities. We had our Chess Club meeting and practising during nutrition breaks throughout the week.

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been quite a job for you to load and unload these windows. If you didn't know what to do with them, what do you think the property owner was going to do???? We neither had the means or the ability to clean them up.

**Bouquet to neighbour for cleaning up windows**

I would like to send a bouquet to our wonderful neighbour for responding to our problem of windows dumped on the edge of our farm driveway. He took the time to load all of these windows on his trailer and disposed them in the proper manner. Something that the owner of these windows should have done. Thanks again to our thoughtful neighbour.

**Bouquet to hardware store**

A big bouquet to our local hardware store for donating the equipment and gravel for our driveway which was full of potholes. We appreciate your generosity.

**Ton of bricks to person who dumped windows on our property**

I would like to send a TON of bricks to the person or persons that dumped a large amount of windows on the edge of our farm driveway. They were very heavy as well, it must of

**Brick to those who ride bikes on the sidewalk**

I think the law against bikes on sidewalks is to protect cyclists, but I believe cyclists on sidewalks are endangering themselves. You go to pull out of a driveway, look right, look left, start to go, and then all of a sudden there is a cyclist who wasn't there before. I saw a man on a bicycle hit because he was on the sidewalk and the driver didn't see him - he was okay, fortunately - but now I'm terrified I'm going to hit somebody myself.

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**How to make the bedroom a happier place**

**Major differences in treating men and women**



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Dr. Gifford-Jones

"How is your sex life?" I often ask patients.

It's amazing how often I get the response, "Finally, someone I can trust will discuss this matter with me."

So what can be done to make the bedroom a happier place? It's important, even though good sex may be only five per cent of a relationship. But I stress to patients that it's the first five per cent. Besides, it can also affect physical health.

Dr. Leonard DeRogatis, Director of Sexual Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, emphasizes a major difference between men and women. He says that men have the desire, but as they age can't be aroused. Still, they're the lucky sex. Erectile dysfunction (ED) drugs solve their problem in most cases by increasing blood flow to the "you know what," (if I use the anatomical word, many newspapers block this column).

Women are less fortunate. Some suffer from what's called the Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD). In effect, sex may never have been high on their list of priorities. So would ED drugs help to start sexual desire for women too?

In one study 202 women were given Viagra. As expected

it increased blood flow to the genitals, improved sexual satisfaction for some women who had arousal problems, and provided the stimulus to engage in sex. But it had no effect on those who suffered from HSDD.

So, as has been pointed out many times, there's a major difference between men and women. For males all that's needed is an engorged organ for a happy bedroom. Their brains are always primed for sex. But for women, ED drugs will not turn those who have HSDD into raving sexual maniacs.

Is there anything that will do it? Many experts believe that the male hormone testosterone will also govern a woman's sexual desire. At 50 years of age women produce 50 percent less testosterone than those in their 20s.

That's one reason why sexual desire gradually diminishes. Boosting testosterone levels, they say, will also boost their

libido. Does it work?

The International Journal of Impotence Research analyzed 12 studies and concluded it does help. The North American Menopausal Society reached the same conclusion and endorsed its use.

But getting testosterone is easier said than done in this country. Like the controversy surrounding the use of estrogen for menopause, there is an underlying worry that testosterone might increase the risk of breast cancer. But according to Gerald Bain, a prominent Toronto endocrinologist, some doctors are using small amounts of testosterone to treat sexual problems in women.

Dr. DeRogatis believes it unlikely testosterone increases the risk of breast cancer and that the greater possibility is growth of facial hair and transient acne. This can occur if too much testosterone is prescribed.

Non-hormonal treatments are also available. For instance, Wellbutrin has been available for many years to treat depressed patients. But it has also been shown to increase sexual desire in women who are not depressed.

But for women there's more to sex than hormones. They don't enjoy a happy bedroom if they're's discontent in a marriage, financial problems, lack of communication or no love.

A woman recently said to me, "I'm bored with my husband and wish I'd never married him." It would take the coming of a Messiah to solve this problem.

But not all sexual problems confronting women are in the head. All too often the reason postmenopausal women shy away from sex is medical. But the diagnosis is missed by doctors who neglect the pelvic examination.

Lack of estrogen in menopausal women results in thinning of the vaginal lining. Some women with this condition have been unable to have sex for years. It's tragic when they could have been cured within a few weeks by Premarin cream or Vagifem pills.

I remind these patients that if Engelbert Humperdinck is unable to sing with a sore throat, neither can they be expected to enjoy sex with an inflamed vagina.

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# Sports

## NOTL field lacrosse teams compete in Kitchener-Waterloo

Both the tyke and novice Thunderhawk field lacrosse teams represented Niagara-on-the-Lake in a Kitchener-Waterloo in a competition last weekend.

The tykes played their first game against Burlington and it was an exciting one.

The Thunderhawk tykes found themselves in a sudden win situation when they were tied after both regular play and two overtime halves.

Unfortunately, Burlington scored first to end the game 5-4.

Scoring for the Thunderhawks were Liam Dietsch, Lukas Paugh, Noah Ostromecki and Nolan Price.

In their second game, the tykes faced Guelph.

Paugh scored two goals and Christian Blaylock scored one goal during the game.

Guelph defeated the Thunderhawks with a final score of 5-3.

Ethan Williams was goalie for both games and he played extremely well.

The first game for the novice Thunderhawks was against Wellington, a team who had dominated the novice Thunderhawks with their physical play in the first weekend of the season.

The NOTL novice team held its own in this rematch, backed by defensive play by Billy Dale, Michael Ward and Dante Gallicchio.

Wellington again claimed victory, but this time by a much smaller margin of 5-3.

Duncan Belliveau netted three goals for his team.

Their second game was a back-and-forth affair against London, resulting in a 6-6 tie.

Belliveau led the scoring with three goals.

Scoring for the novice



The novice Thunderhawks field lacrosse team played in the Kitchener-Waterloo area last week. They lost 5-3 against Wellington and tied London 6-6.

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## Junior B Thunderhawks win first home game of the season

### Thunderhawks defeat Owen Sound 10-13

In lacrosse action, the Niagara Junior B Thunderhawks won their first game of the season.

The NOTL Junior B Thunderhawks won their home opener Sunday, defeating Owen Sound 13 - 10. The Thunderhawks came out flying and built up a 7 - 1 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game. The team chased Owen Sound's starting goaltender from the net.

Owen Sound clawed their way back into the game with three straight goals of their own.

Both teams traded goals until the Thunderhawks rallied together and scored three late in the third period to take away the win.

Scoring for the Thunderhawks,

Moe Bissell earned a hat-trick.

Cory Becker, Blade Garlow, and Anthony Patterson scored two goals each.

Ryan Wagner, Brad Thomas, Chauncey Hill and Joe Ditto each contributed to the score with single goals.

Earning three assists each were Steve Murphy, Garlow and Patterson.

The Thunderhawk's win against Owen Sound win evened the team's record to 1-1.

The Junior B team had lost a tight game against Elora 13-9 the night before.

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## Deaths

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## Softball begins with skills clinic

Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Softball opens its season with games May 26, and has room for more players in tyke, squirt and pee-wee divisions.

But first, the association is hosting a softball clinic, Saturday, May 12 at the baseball diamonds in Virgil for tyke, squirt and pee-wee players.

The clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will feature a rotation of skills.

The concession stand will be open with food, drinks and snacks.

To register players for the league, visit the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Softball Association website or the parks and recreation office at the Virgil arena.

A helmet with a cage and ball glove required. Ball shoes are recommended.

For more information call Peter Flynn, president, at 905-327-1620.

## NOTL Golf Club opens 1812-inspired season

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club will kick off the season 1812-style Saturday morning.

To commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, a special flag, like those flying high on Queen Street in Old Town, will be raised at 11:30 a.m., with more than 70 members playing in an opening day scramble.

Members will dress in red, white and blue — the colours representing the flag.

Lyle Williams and Tony Chisholm, members of the NOTL 1812 bicentennial committee, will talk to the members about the history of the golf club and the role the historic property played during the war.

After the opening ceremony and the scramble, members of the golf club will be treated to an 1812-inspired dinner featuring foods that the people during that time would have enjoyed.



The NOTL Golf Club will fly the 1812 Bicentennial flag at the club's opening ceremonies.

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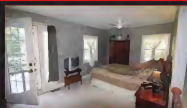
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